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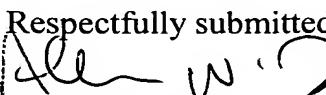
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Serial No. 10/758,946)
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For: CAST ALUMINUM NODE FOR)
 CONNECTING VEHICLE FRAME)
 MEMBERS AND METHOD OF)
 MANUFACTURING SAME)

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